

Luke Has to Practice



Luke!” called Mom. “I’m going to the neighbors.” She set the clock on the piano. “Practice a half hour. Then you can play with your new game.”

Luke began practicing. He made a mistake. And another one. And still another one. Pa-bang! His hands crashed over the keys. “I can never get this song right,” he muttered. “I’m going to quit!” He looked at the clock. Only 10 minutes had passed.

Luke got up from the piano bench and went to play with his game.

When Mom returned from the neighbors’ she asked, “Did you practice?”

“Yes,” said Luke.

“How long?” she asked. “Did you practice the whole time?”

Luke sighed. He left his game and went back to the piano. “I’ve got 20 minutes to go,” he called.

Think-a-Bit

- Why was it hard for Luke to tell his mother the truth?
- When is it hard for you to tell the truth?

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What I learned in God’s Word this week:

Tell the truth even when it’s hard.



Micaiah Tells What Is True

Bible story from Exodus 20:16; 2 Chronicles 18

Once there were two kings. Jehoshaphat (juh-HA-shuh-fat) was a king who loved God. Ahab was a king who did not obey God.

Jehoshaphat went to see Ahab. They had a big meal together. “I want to take over a city,” said Ahab. “Will you help me?”

“What does God want us to do?” asked King Jehoshaphat.

Ahab called his prophets. Four hundred prophets came. Ahab asked them, “Shall we fight to get the city?”

The prophets did not want Ahab to be angry at them. So they did not tell the truth. They all said, “Go ahead. God will give you the city.”

But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there another prophet of God here?”

“Micaiah (muh-KAY-uh) is a prophet of God,” Ahab said to Jehoshaphat. “But I do not like him. He never says what I want.”

“I want to hear what Micaiah says,” said Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat wanted someone who would tell the truth, no matter what. So Ahab sent for Micaiah.

A messenger told Micaiah, “Say what Ahab wants to hear.”

But Micaiah said, “I must tell the truth. The commandment says, ‘Do not lie.’” Micaiah said to Ahab, “You can go to the city, but you will be killed. The other prophets did not tell the truth.”

King Ahab was angry. He threw Micaiah in prison. The kings went to fight. But Ahab was killed. Micaiah had told the truth.

This Week's Bible Memory Verse:

“Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.” Leviticus 19:11

Color the Message!

God has good rules for us.

Color the numbered spaces to find one of God's rules.

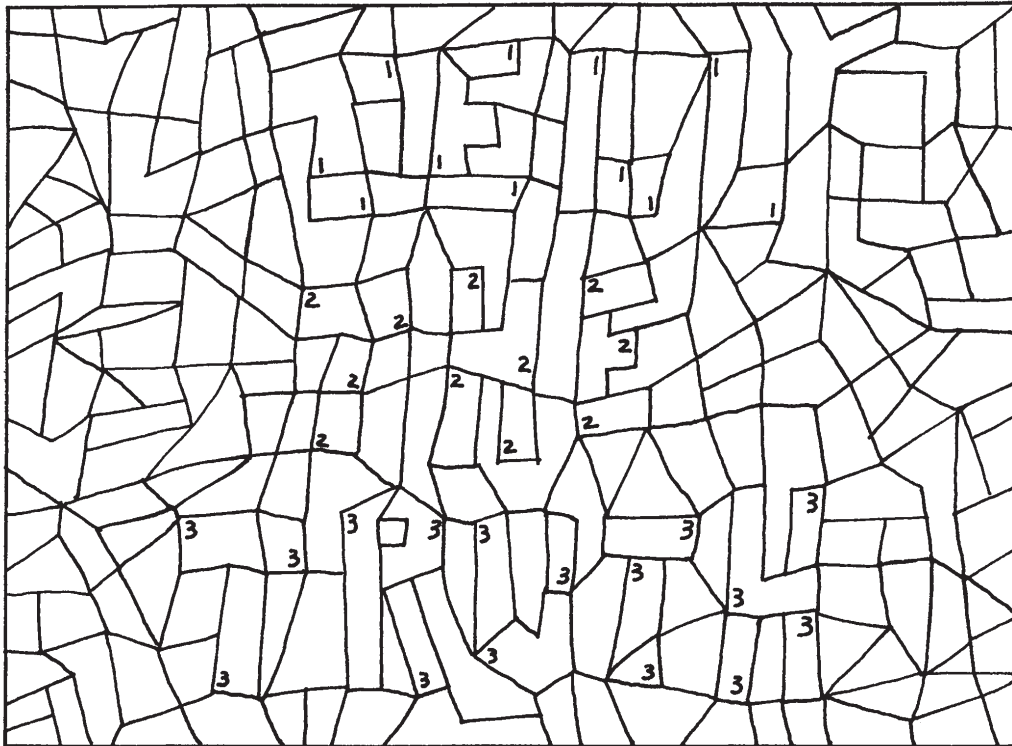
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Family Faith Fun



Lesson Focus:

Tell the truth even when it's hard.

Consequences Movie

■ Watch a DVD or TV show with your child, looking for examples of people who told the complete truth and those who didn't. Talk about any consequences the characters faced and why it is sometimes hard to tell the truth.

Memory Verse Activity

■ To help your child practice this week's memory verse, print each word on a separate index card. Have your child mix up the cards and practice putting them back in the right order.

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Do not deceive one another."
Leviticus 19:11*